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Sir:

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Documents AL and AP on the attached List are cited in the specification, on page 2, and their relevance is indicated therein.

Documents AM-AP are cited in the International Search Report (copy attached).

Respectfully submitted,

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